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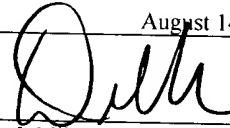
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In re the application of: Sean A. McCarthy**Serial No.:** 09/009,802**Filed:** January 20, 1998**For:** *Novel CRSP Protein and Nucleic Acid Molecules
and Uses Therefor***Attorney Docket No.:** MNI-108 (formerly MEI-008)**Group Art Unit:** 1636**Examiner:** R. Yucel#14
J.P.
8/23/00**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231****REQUEST FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

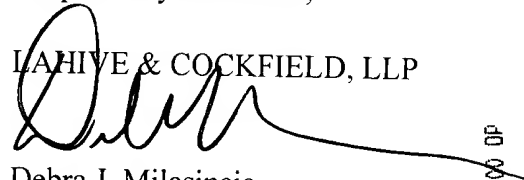
Applicant requests a two-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the Office Action dated March 13, 2000.

Enclosed is a check which covers the appropriate two-month extension of time fee of \$380.00 based on large entity status. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. *A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.*

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